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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: [redacted] Proposal to Establish
an Advisory Committee

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1. Attached hereto are copies of a [redacted] draft proposal to establish a Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee. The basic proposal has been prepared by [redacted] whom you will remember as [redacted] the former BMD SANS project officer. Along with the copy of [redacted] memorandum is a copy of a covering letter from [redacted] which gives some data on the costs of such a contract for establishing an advisory committee.

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2. As you remember, the 117L Advisory Committee operated for almost four years and in the words of General Greer "provided excellent technical studies and recommendations." Most recently the 117L Technical Advisory Committee was dissolved during the re-organization which established the command line from Dr. Charyk's office to General Curtin's office to General Greer for handling SANS matters. It was the consensus of many committee members that it was unfortunate that this group should be broken up at this time, and I feel that [redacted] visualizes a two-fold advantage in taking the initiative through us to re-establish a Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee. [redacted] could be back in the middle of technical discussions which might lead not only to understanding of new problems but proposals on their part perhaps for the solution of such problems.

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3. I realize that you are usually not enchanted with the formation and handling of big committees, but I know that you have long standing interests in technical R & D problems which such a committee might assist in solving. Some of the names of proposed members might also be of interest to you and I feel that the cost of such an Advisory Committee is rather modest. It goes without saying that it would be almost impossible to buy full-time some of the people listed. It was also my experience that when RADC handled such a committee contract, questions of the details of the

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meeting place, planning, logistics, travel, paying of consultant fees, and other equally onerous tasks were not dropped on the host's doorstep. Perhaps there is something in this that is worthwhile from your view point and should you choose to consider it and discuss it further with us I would appreciate your call.

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